

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 993

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Mary Elizabeth Colton on receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Girl Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young women with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Colton, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has earned the highest award a Girl Scout can attain, the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2010, Ms. Colton will become one of only 5.4% of eligible Girl Scouts to receive this distinguished honor; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Gold Award honors girls who demonstrate an exceptional commitment to their communities and an outstanding dedication to achievement; and

WHEREAS, to receive the award, Girl Scouts must complete five requirements, all of which demand efficient organizational, time management, and leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, the first four requirements include earning four Interest Project Awards, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, the Senior Girl Scout Challenge Award, and the Girl Scout Career Exploration Award; and

WHEREAS, further, a Girl Scout must build on her experiences in Girl Scouting to complete a Gold Award project, which provides an opportunity for her to put her leadership skills, career, interests, and personal values together to serve her community; and

WHEREAS, for her project, Ms. Colton and three fellow Scouts collaborated to enhance a clinic operated by Centerstone, the largest mental health provider in Middle Tennessee; the

girls patched and painted the hallways, donated art supplies to be used in sessions with patients, and decorated the clinic with inspirational pieces of artwork; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Colton has been a Girl Scout for nine years and is a member of Troop 138 in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to recognize Mary Elizabeth Colton as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Mary Elizabeth Colton for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, congratulate her on her achievement of the Girl Scout Gold Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.